State Senator Donald Williams' Forum on Issues Facing Businesses in the 29th District

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PANEL DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Local Business Reaction to the General Assembly's business initiatives

Bridging Education and the Economy in Northeast Connecticut

Battling Rising Energy Costs

Increasing Transportation Options for Local Businesses

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Welcome Introduction

Senator Donald E. Williams, Jr., President Pro Tempore

Confirmed Panel Participants

Roger Adams, Executive Director,

Windham Region Chamber of Commerce

Steven Townsend, *Current Chairman of the Legislative Affairs Committee*Northeastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce

Joe Bak, Owner

Hawk Integrated Plastics, Willimantic

Ken Porter, Owner

Keeper Corporation, North Windham

Robert Peterson, *V.P. of Operations*Windham Community Memorial Hospital

Lisa Dunnack, *Owner* Sweet Sensations, Willimantic

Paula Colen

Executive Director, EASTCONN

Diane Williams

President of Quinnebaug Valley Community College, Danielson

Rita Zangari, *Executive Director of the Technology Incubator* University of Connecticut

Dr. Dimitrios Pachis, *V.P. for Academic Affairs* Eastern Connecticut State University

Donna Tedford, *Department Head, LPN Program* Windham Tech

Invited Participants

Jim Shaw, CEO

Spirol International, Co., Danielson

Chuck Bentley, *President* Colt's Plastics, Co., Dayville

Jack Richie, Vice President Human Resources

Rogers Corporation, Rogers

Joseph Adiletta, *President*, Pallflex Products Corp., *Putnam*

 $\textbf{Representative of Frito-Lay, Inc.,} \ \textit{Dayville}$

Representative of New England Plasma, Corp., Putnam Representative of Norampac Thompson, Inc., Thompson

Reaction from local Legislators

Representative Shawn Johnston, 51st District Representative Michael Caron, 44th District Representative Mike Alberts, 50th District, Invited Representative Jack Malone, 47th District, Invited

Closing Remarks

Senator Donald E. Williams, Jr.